

# Mariko Yamada

## News Release

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## Assemblymember Yamada Invites 8<sup>th</sup> AD Residents to FREE Cash for College Workshops

*Eligible students may be receive up to \$11,124 in Cal Grant aid*

WOODLAND, CA- Assemblymember Mariko Yamada (D-Davis), working with the California Student Aid Commission, the Sacramento Cal-SOAP Consortium, the Solano County Educational Consortium, Woodland Community College, Solano Community College, Napa Valley College, CSU-Sacramento, UC Davis and local community organizations, will host fifteen upcoming Cash for College Workshops. The deadline to apply for a Cal Grant is March 2, 2011.

“As students and parents face the challenges of paying for college, so many families are searching for help in reaching their educational goals,” Yamada said. “A Cal Grant can be the first step to overcoming the financial barriers to higher education.”

The Cal Grant Program provides qualified individuals with up to \$11,124 in aid a year to attend almost any college in California. Awards vary depending on economic need, grades and the college they attend. Cal Grants are available to high school seniors, recent graduates and individuals returning to college. To find out more about Cal Grant eligibility requirements, please visit [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org).

Cash for College Workshops will have trained volunteers and financial aid experts on hand to walk students, and their families through the process of completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Cal Grant GPA Verification form. High school seniors who attend qualifying Cash for College workshops, complete necessary forms, and apply for a Cal Grant by the March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline, could qualify for incentive scholarships of \$1,000!

The following workshops will be available in your area:

1/19, Wednesday Dixon High School Library/ Computer Lab 555 College Way, Dixon 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	1/20, Thursday Armijo High School Cafeteria 824 Washington St, Fairfield 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	1/20, Thursday Buckingham Charter High School Student Center Computer Lab 188 Bella Vista Rd, Vacaville 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	1/22, Saturday Woodland Community College Community Room, Rm. 800 2300 E. Gibson Rd, Woodland 10:00-1:00 a.m.
1/25, Tuesday Benicia High School 1101 Military West, Benicia 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	1/27, Thursday Fairfield High School Library/ Computer Lab 205 East Atlantic Ave, Fairfield 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	1/27, Thursday Woodland High School 21 N. West St, Woodland 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	1/29, Saturday Fairfield Civic Center Library Young Adult/ Teen Room 1150 Kentucky St, Fairfield 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
2/01, Tuesday Vacaville High School Computer Lab/ Library 100 West Monte Vista Ave, Vacaville 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	2/03, Thursday Vanden High School 2951 Markeley Lane, Fairfield 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	2/7, Monday River City High School Library 1 Raider Lane, West Sacramento 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	2/10, Thursday Will C. Wood High School Computer Lab/ Library 998 Marshall Rd, Vacaville 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
2/19, Saturday Vacaville Cultural Center Library Young Adult Room 1020 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m	2/26, Saturday Solano Community College, Fairfield Campus Student Services Bldg. 400 4000 Suisun Valley Rd, Fairfield 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.		

Those applying for financial aid must bring the following reference information to the workshop to receive assistance:

- Driver's license or I.D.
- Social security card or number
- 2009 W-2 forms or pay check stubs
- 2009 bank statements
- List of colleges interested in attending
- If not a US citizen, bring alien registration card (if available)

**BEFORE ATTENDING:** Please visit [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) to receive a FAFSA PIN (Parents must receive a PIN as well)

For questions and volunteer opportunities, please call (707) 455-8025 or visit <http://www.assembly.ca.gov/yamada>. For additional workshops in the region, please visit [www.calgrants.org/workshops](http://www.calgrants.org/workshops).

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